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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Common Name: Yellow-throated Warbler Scientific Name: *Dendroica dominica*

Date: Dec 16, 1991 Time: 12 Noon Length of time observed: on + off for 10 minutes

Number: 1 Age: unk Sex: unk

Location: Liberty Park
Salt Lake City UT 84120

Lat/long: Elevation:

Distance to bird: 30 feet - at base of tree where it was located. Light conditions: good

Optical equipment: 8x42 Elite
Bausch & Lomb binoculars

Weather:

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

- general ^{dendroica} warbler size and shape
- white supercilium bold and extending back behind mask with white in rear of black
- ~~black~~ black mask through eye extending abruptly down onto neck
- throat, chin bright yellow, belly indistinct covert whitish
- sides + flanks streaked with black
- nape and back seen very well - were even medium gray unstreaked.

Voice or call notes: —

Behavior: fed high in Ponderosa Pine, occ would fly out and return.

Habitat: city park mixed trees — ~~many~~ ponderosa pine

Describe what specific features you saw or heard that caused you to reach your conclusion:
all

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

This is a rather unique warbler
Graces - has entirely different head pattern, lacks black mask effect,
has yellow on supercillium, has streaked back
Blackburnian - has streaked back, lacks white supercillium, and white behind black mask
Townsend's - lacks white supercillium, white behind mask, and has an olive back.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

much with Graces + Townsends - common in Utah
have seen Blackburnian in Minnesota

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Significance of record in this area or the state:

state first if accepted

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording in available):

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Other observers who independently identified this bird: Mark Stackhouse, Laura Lockhart
and Jean Reagan on Dec 15 1991, Terry Sadler and Bob Bond on Dec 16
and Craig Kneedy Dec 17 1991.

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